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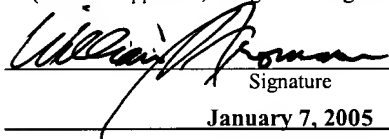
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For : PURCHASE SYSTEM AND METHOD, ORDER ACCEPTING
DEVICE AND METHOD, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2004, wherein restriction
was required as follows:

Group I claims 1-50, directed to "a purchasing system, method and program and ordering
receiving device for a virtual creature and robotic device which is programmed to act or move by

transmitting question data regarding changeable items and conducting predetermined data processing in order to form the virtual creature or robot;" and

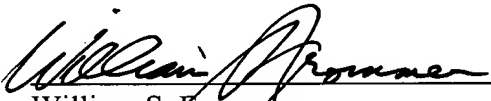
Group II claims 51-75, directed to "a data sales agent system, method, device comprising consignment accepting means and a sales means."

While Applicant does not agree with the descriptions of the respective groups noted by the Examiner, and repeated above, nevertheless, Applicant elects, **without traverse**, Group I claims 1-50 for further prosecution in the present application.

Applicant reserves his right to file a divisional application to re-present nonelected claims 51-75.

An early examination on the merits of the elected claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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